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on a printed circuit board to which wire leads are welded (see Col. 17, lines 1-4). Accordingly, the embodiment referenced in the Interview Summary Record represents an embodiment that neither discloses a passenger detector nor the electrodes being arranged on a flexible support made of an insulating fabric and further fails to remedy the prior art reference deficiencies noted in the above noted After Final Response.

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